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5 September 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM: [redacted] STAT
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - August 1986

I. GENERAL

A. Typhoon Vera, the strongest to hit Okinawa in 17 years, pummeled the island on 25 and 26 August, doing some damage to the bureau antennas. Operations continued with only minor transfers of Vietnamese and Soviet coverage and a slight delay in Chinese processing. Packing winds clocked at 97 miles per hour at Kadena and 80-85 knots at the bureau, Vera damaged a few rhombic and beverage antennas, broke some bolts and blew out one panel on the Pesos dish, and blew down bureau TV antennas; the heavy rain shorted out one door's electronic cypher lock. The damage to the antennas will set back the antenna pole replacement program and more funds will be required next fiscal year. Tree and shrubbery damage was fairly heavy at Kadena Airbase including at the FBIS housing area. U.S. military facilities on Okinawa were in typhoon condition 1 emergency from Monday night until Wednesday morning and military planes were either moved to hangars or evacuated. Weathermen said Vera was more than 250 miles in diameter, with some high winds 300 miles from its center. The FBIS bus did not run during emergency conditions, but smaller vehicles were used to relieve bureau staff. One of Vera's blessings was more than 6 inches of rain in 24 hours on Kadena, and more than 10 inches into northern Okinawa's major water reservoirs, averting imminent water rationing.

B. The typhoon forced cancellation of a change of command ceremony for the top U.S. Air Force general on Okinawa. Brig Gen Donald Snyder, 313th Air Division commander, handed over to Brig Gen Keith B. Connolly in a small ceremony on 25 August at the Kadena MAC terminal, and promptly boarded a plane before Vera struck. Connolly previously was PACAF Inspector General; Snyder goes to the Tactical Air Command's 12th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

C. The Corps of Engineers has chosen a contractor for the first phase of our housing rehabilitation project. The first phase will consist of construction of a duplex to replace our antique Quonset hut and the rehabilitation of up to seven 4-bedroom single houses. We will sign a contract before the end of September, with demolition and new construction to start after 1 October and the new duplex to be completed by next summer.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. We now plan to assume regular coverage of Beijing television from Hong Kong Bureau by 1 October. A Hong Kong monitor will TDY at Okinawa in mid-September to train Okinawa's Chinese monitors in Hong Kong procedures and selection. We will begin regular live TV coverage on 15 September and add "Cities" courier shipments on 1 October, when Hong Kong's C&W contract expires. This coverage shift will give FBIS a 14-hour-earlier look at Beijing TV.

2. Replenishment of our Chinese monitor staff resumed, with monitor [redacted] wife and daughter arriving 4 August and monitor [redacted] arriving 21 August, to be followed in September by his wife and two children. A third Chinese monitor will EOD in late September, giving us four Chinese monitors in training. Beijing announced that the results of experimental educational television broadcasts by satellite since 1 July have led the PRC State Council to begin regular satellite broadcasts of educational TV on 1 October, with more than 200 new ground stations to receive it. No bureau coverage is anticipated.

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3. The Japanese Unit was moved to a newly refurbished four-booth area, freeing booths long needed by the Chinese Unit. Japanese "Cities" TV consumers expressed a preference for dual English/Japanese sound tracks available on a 1000 GMT newscast, so the "Cities" tape from Japan was changed to this. The bureau still covers the more productive 1200 GMT NHK-TV newscast, which has no English soundtrack.

4. Moscow TV continued its new pattern for "Studio 9" first noted in July, carrying two panel shows, on 10 and 23 August, both related to the U.S.-Soviet nuclear negotiations issues, the proposed fall summit, and SDI. The bureau processed a USSR Armed Forces Day speech by Defense Minister Sokolov from its early broadcast on "I Serve the Soviet Union."

B. Cruising

Extensive checks of Headquarters supplied transponder frequencies thought to be carrying China's RENMIN RIBAO and CHINA DAILY facsimile on the 66 East Intelsat proved negative. Checking continues, along with a complete recheck of each transponder radio frequency on each satellite visible from Okinawa. Cruisers continued recording and printing of Hanoi's NHAN DAN facsimile transmissions but only pages 1 and 4 are being received. Bangkok Bureau's ROSET cruising for other frequencies or times when other pages might be sent have proved negative.

C. Lateral Services

At the request of the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, the bureau refiled to the Consulate General a 32-day-old item on the late Lian Biao broadcast by the Soviet-line clandestine Ba Yi radio. The new intelligence officer for CTF-76, based at White Beach, Capt David Penn, visited the bureau 18 August for an orientation tour and review of lateral services to CTF-76. Similar updates of services to CG/Third Marine Division, Camp Courtney, were arranged.

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D. Technical

Engineers [redacted] and [redacted], on duty during the height of Typhoon Vera, literally used body weight to prevent wind damage to the Pesos dish on 25-26 August. Pesos still sustained some minor damage, requiring rewelding of one brace arm, rebolting one dish panel and bolt replacement. The dish was quickly restored to service, but realignment on the Soviet 140 East satellite's center of its figure-8 drift pattern must be completed before optimum signal strength is restored. Three MLC technicians have now been trained in signal recognition, recording and processing with the new facsimile unit. A bureau-designed circuit was added to the Beijing Xinhua English press agency reperforator to permit the use of paper tape with the IBM-XT STedit computer program. STAT

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The Okinawa COLA rate was increased from class 15 to 20 effective 3 August, reflecting the continued decline of the dollar which dipped to as low as 152.55 yen on 21 August. The exchange rate at banks was as low as 149 yen to the dollar at times in August, with the average about 152.

2. The [redacted] family returned from R&R in the United States on 22 August; the [redacted] family returned on 17 August after a two-month absence on EOT travel around the world; three of chief editor [redacted] children visited and returned to the States by 28 August after a summer visit. STAT STAT STAT

3. Russian monitor [redacted] and daughters departed Okinawa on 9 August to return to England after 2 years; [redacted] will continue working at the bureau until at least 1987. STAT STAT

4. Staff editors [redacted] were promoted to GS-11 effective 3 August. STAT

5. Teletypist positions were raised to Grade 4 on the MLC schedule as a result of the reorganization of the communications section and the use of the new IBM PC-XT for communications.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau

OL construction engineer [redacted] 4-7 August to consult on FBIS housing recapitalization program; Marine Capt David Penn, 18 August for lateral services briefing and orientation; Mr. K. Spence Richardson, new U.S. Consul General for Okinawa, on 21 August for bureau briefing tour; Charles Gibson, DOD Special Representative for Okinawa, STAT

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also 21 August for administrative discussions; Hong Kong Bureau deputy chief [redacted], 20-27 August for personal visit, including 21 August visit to bureau. STAT

From the Bureau

Bureau Chief, administrative and logistics officer, on 6 August to Corps of Engineers Area Office for discussions on FBIS housing program; bureau chief to Seoul Bureau, 27-30 August, for interviews with Japanese/Korean monitor applicants; acting chief and regional engineer to U.S. Naval Security Group Activity, Hanza, on 27 August for discussions on emergency radio network.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 31 August the first annual FBIS Labor Day Doubles Tennis Tournament was held on Kadena Airbase. Eleven teams competed throughout the day on the FBIS tennis court and other courts on Kadena. The finals were played on the FBIS court and a barbecue followed for the players and their families. Winners were: teletypist [redacted] and David Morganstein, an F-15 USAF pilot; runners-up were associate editor [redacted] and bureau librarian [redacted] STAT STAT STAT

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I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,041,220
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	507,750
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,430

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	18,555 min.	20,700 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA			
Phnom Penh SPK in English		2,350	
CHINA			
Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---		
Beijing International Service to North America in English	1,540		
Beijing International Service in Japanese	8,900		
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---		
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	2,140		
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	4,220		
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	4,570		
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	17,130		
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,060		
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,020		
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	4,300		
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	4,090		
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,900		
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	2,880		

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		481,130	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		79,730	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			7,570
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			2,780
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			5,330
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			590
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			---
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,620
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			5,580
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	4,780		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	430		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	6,960		
Tokyo JPS in English		5,910	
Tokyo KYODO in English		115,260	
Tokyo JIJI in English		6,270	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			210
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,730
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			16,530
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			1,780
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			9,420

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			7,080
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			9,760
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,080
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			7,620
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			9,010
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			280
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,550
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			640
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			480
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		4,120	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		2,120	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		3,740	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	1,060		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	660		
Taipei CNA in English		34,960	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			7,600
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

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	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in			
Japanese	5,200		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in			
Mandarin	1,490		
Moscow to China in			
Mandarin	21,390		
Moscow to Vietnam in			
Vietnamese	1,340		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in			
Mandarin	2,590		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in			
Russian	24,760		
Vladivostok Domestic Service in			
Russian	2,860		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in			
Mandarin	2,710		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	18,410		
Hanoi VNA in			
English		50,000	
Hanoi VNA in			
French		---	

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